

PRESS RELEASE

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Kishore Jayabalan, Director of Istituto Acton and main organizer of the December 2 international summit on the ethical care of the elderly, has released the following statement:

"Declining birth rates and aging societies present many new challenges for our health care systems. When faced with these challenges, the unfortunate tendency of many is to turn to ever-expanding institutions at the national and international levels to cope, and when these institutions fail, we despair for the future. We hope this conference shows how Catholic social doctrine, especially with its emphasis on subsidiarity, the role of the family and free enterprise, can help us think through some of moral and technical issues on the horizon."

For press interviews, further information, and event registration please refer to email and telephone number below or contact Mr. Michael Severance at 06.688.92500; 348-384.6543; mseverance@acton.org

ISTITUTO ACTON

in collaboration with the *Pontifical Council for the Family, John Paul II Institute for Marriage and Family, Human Life International, Centro di Orientamento Politico, and Associazione Famiglia Domani, Heath Care Italia*

invites you to an international conference

"Ethics, Aging, and the Coming Healthcare Challenge"

Thursday 2 December 2010 - 9.00-18.00 (*registration at 8.30*)

Pontifical Lateran University - Aula Paolo VI

Piazza San Giovanni in Laterano, 4 - Rome ([Map](#))

Event is free and open to the public - Lunch provided
Simultaneous translation in English and Italian

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DESCRIPTION:

Bringing together academics, practitioners, clergy, and policy-makers from around the world, this conference will examine subjects such as **demographic decline, pharmaceutical research for diseases like Alzheimer's, healthcare infrastructure, insurance and pension reform, as well as forms of "intergenerational solidarity"**.

AMONG THE EXPERTS:

- H.E. Bishop Jean **LAFFITTE** *Secretary, Pontifical Council for the Family*
Rev. Robert **SIRICO** *President, Acton Institute*
Dr. Martin **BEDNAR** *Director of Clinical Research, Pfizer Inc.*
Prof. Philip **BOOTH** *Editorial and Programme Director, Institute of Economic Affairs*
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Mr. Greg **HADLEY** *Author, "Aging - The Autumn Phase of Life"*
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